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Mr D. Ringrow, 83 Wilbury Hills Road Letchworth

April 1968

## AGM

The District Annual General Meeting will take place at the Knights Templar School, Baldock, on Saturday 4 May 1968, at 4 pm, following the judging of the arts and crafts competition and immediately preceding the award of the Plinston Trophy.

The election of officers is an important function of the meeting and members are requested to let the Secretary have their nominations as soon as possible but by Saturday 20 April at the very latest;

The lay members of the District are:

President	H. Plinston
Vice presidents	R. Dyson
	G. Fletcher
	R. Hall
	T. Jermyn
	M. Kelly
	Dr D. Riddell
	J. Whitehead
	J. Wilkinson:

Chairman	S. Blaxland
Treasurer	M. Gardiner
Secretary	A. Wood
Assistant Secretary	P. Norton
Press Secretary	K. Johnson
Badge-Secretaries	Mr & Mrs Juby

These officers will be available for re-election, with the exception of the Secretary.

Other members of the Council:

Mrs J. Foster	Mr L. Moore
Mr F.A. Hawley	Mr C. Rose
Mr R. Hilditch	Mrs G. Watson

## ARTS and CRAFTS (the Plinston Trophy)

As we go to press, complete details are still awaited for the fourth annual arts and crafts competition. It is understood that the convener (SSL Colin Phillips, 29 Haselfoot, Letchworth) will very shortly be meeting the ADCs of training sections to review the rules in detail.

The following information is compiled from the 1967 rules and discussion at various recent District meetings.

This year's COMPETITION and EXHIBITION is on SATURDAY 4 MAY, at KNIGHTS TEMPLAR SCHOOL, BALDOCK. Entries are to be handed in there on FRIDAY EVENING; judging will take place during the morning of Saturday, and the exhibition will be open to the public from lunchtime on Saturday. At 4 pm the District Annual General Meeting will take place in the hall, to be followed by the presentation of the PLINSTON TROPHY to the Group with the greatest number of points. ADDITIONAL TROPHIES ARE OFFERED THIS YEAR - from Mr S.F. Blaxland, for the highest scoring CUB SCOUT PACK; from Mrs G. Watson, for the highest scoring SCOUT TROOP; and from DC F.R. Eaves, for the highest scoring VENTURE SCOUT UNIT.

Classes as last year are (A) ART (any kind of drawing or painting), (B) HANDICRAFT, (C) WOODCRAFT (natural materials), (D) COOKERY, (E) PHOTOGRAPHY (preferably but not necessarily developed and printed by the exhibitor), and (F) a special class.

## SAINT GEORGE'S DAY

THE DISTRICT ST GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE FOR SCOUTS AND GUIDES WILL TAKE PLACE AT SAINT MARY'S CHURCH, ASHWELL, AT 3 PM ON SUNDAY 21 APRIL.

Brownies go straight to the church, but everyone else assembles at the Recreation Ground (272399) by 2.20 pm, in uniform. (For Scouts, this means either old uniform or new, and not a mixture of both on the same individual. If any section contains a combination of uniforms, those in the old style will march in front, and those in the new style to the rear of that section.)

Parade moves off from the Recreation Ground: Cubs at 2.33 pm, Scouts and Guides at 2.35 pm.

COLOUR PARTIES: rehearsal at the church (uniform, please) 10.45 on Saturday 20 April, for BEARERS ONLY. Transport from DHQ at 1030: offers of help to Ken Hart.

ORDER OF PARADE: Colour parties; Cub Scouts, then Scoute, then Venture Scouts, each by Croups as follows: 2L, 4L, 5L, 6L, 7L, 8L, 9L, 1A, 1W, 1B, 2B, 3B, 1-3L, NVSU; Guides as follows: 2L, 4L, 5L, 6L, 10L, 11L, 1L, 3B, 1A, 1B, 4L Rangers, 1L Rangers.

Roman Catholics may share the whole ceremony. Parade reassembles in the churchyard, each colour with its own unit. Brownies form guard of honour at saluting base, by the Springs. Only one Union flag will be carried (by 2L Scouts): no others, please.

COLOUR MARSHAL: Jim Bruce. PARADE MARSHAL: Ken Hart. USHERS, it is hoped, will be 1A Venture Scouts and/or members of the District Service Team: will these good men please contact Mr Hart (Letchworth 6451) to co-ordinate arrangements? Thank you.

# KON-TIKI

GENERAL RULES formulated by District VSLs' Council on 10 March 1968

Teams of three are invited to compete in Operation-Kon-Tiki from 25 to 26 May 1968. At least two of the team must be able to swim 50 yards in clothes. All non-swimmers must wear life jackets all the time. Age limits for competitors are from the sixteenth to the twentieth birthday (but a non-competing or demonstration team above this age may be allowed). Any non-Scouting organisation is welcome to enter a team.

The contest is to travel by home-made raft from Tempsford Bridge (162546) to St Neots Common, starting at 1200 BST on Saturday 25 May. Rafts must be constructed on the site by the teams, who may begin at 1900 BST on Friday 24 May, using if desired prefabricated sections on which other people may have worked beforehand. There is no restriction on the number of oildrums, etc., used for buoyancy, but no nails, welding, or other permanent construction work may be employed.

Those wishing to enter a team should contact ADC(V) Brian Watkins, 88 Southfields, Letchworth.

# BOB-A-JOB WEEK

Zoning of Letchworth for Bob-a-Job Week is not to be continued this year. Scouts may canvass for employment at any address EXCEPT those where a "Job done" sticker is displayed.

Will ALL Scouters - and in particular all PARENTS - please see that Bob-a-job canvassing this year is carried out in uniform wherever possible. It is not necessary to wear jeans to ask for a job, although it may be advisable to change into rough clothes for particularly dirty jobs. The image of Scouting is severely damaged by the sight of boys in untidy half-uniform, and a large part of the benefit of Bob-a-job Week is therefore wasted.

Smartness of appearance is the first vital step in good public relations, and Scouters cannot impress this too strongly upon their boys.

Yes. This means YOU.

# NEW APPOINTMENTS

3B Group Assistant Secretary: Mrs R.N. Pix Road

6L Group Secretary: Miss S. Gooderson, 59 Pix Road

6L Group Treasurer: Mr A. Hodgson, 34 Jackmans Place

# Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Shop

MORE SUPPLIES ARE COMING IN AT LAST! Supplies are still difficult for a number of items, so will all customers

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place your orders AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, so that we may try to ensure delivery in reasonable time

NOW IN STOCK: Scout and Cub Scout

Law & Promise cards in strong plastic 6d. (2½p)

\* CYCLE PENNANTS complete with fitting 1/9 (9p)

\* a few of the new green

CUB SCOUT T-SHIRTS

\* Scout Training Books:

Scout Badge and Standard

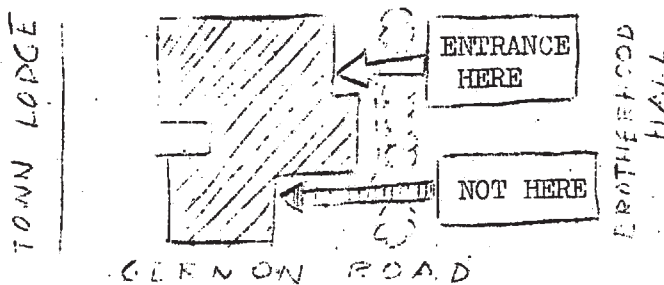
Advanced Scout Standard

Chief Scout's Award

OPENING TIMES:

TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS 7 - 8 pm

ENTRANCE is by the REAR DOOR in the Council of Social Service building, Gernon Road, Letchworth. Please follow the Scout Badge pointer, and do NOT go in the first door unless you want the Citizens' Advice Bureau.



\*\*\*Guide and Brownie uniforms and equipment are now stocked at the Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Shop!

\*\*\*Any item in the Scout and Guide Shop catalogues can be obtained on order, with discount payable to YOUR OWN GROUP!

PLEASE NOTE: The Scout Shop will not be open on Good Friday 12 April, Tuesday 16 April or Friday 19 April.

# HIKING SAFETY

48 inch wide fluorescent faced PVC available in the roll for making arm-in the District would be a very valuable aid to safety for night hikers. Will any Service Team volunteers offer to make and sell or hire such a supply? Check with M.C.D. or K.J.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR ALL GSLs. Although the "Hertfordshire Scouts" Broadsheet has been circulated for the past four months, it has not been displayed on all Group notice boards. The Broadsheet is including an increasing amount of information for every Cub, Scout and Venture Scout. Please ensure that it is put up promptly every month!

**BALDOCK DISTRICT GUIDES****HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS**

to Patricia Gilpin on being Ashwell's first Queen's Guide!

Many thanks to 1A Guides and Mrs Gilpin for giving all the Guides and Guiders of the District such an enjoyable evening on 26 March,

BALDOCK DISTRICT RANGER GUIDE SERVICE UNIT was registered at GHQ on 8 March.

**ASHWELL'S LAST FIRST CLASS BADGES**

were won by Linda Gurney and Pamela Harrison (Guides) and Nicola Oyston (Brownie Guide).

**BALDOCK'S LAST OWNERS**

of First Class will receive their badges at the 1A Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 2 April at 7.30 pm. They are Penny Brown and Trina Charter of 1B.

**THE COUNTY EXTENSION (HANDICAPPED) GUIDES**

are camping at Bluegates, Ashwell, during Whitsun. They are a little worried about collecting enough wood for all their cooking. Are there any CO-ORDINATOR readers who would form wooding parties during the Easter holidays? We can arrange to collect stacks from various addresses and take them to the site.

MARY BRENCHLEY  
DC

**DATES**

27 APRIL : Camp Training, Stevenage  
4 MAY : Handicraft Exhibition, Baldock  
7 MAY : Guiders' Meeting at Bennetts, Ashwell

**LEITCHWORTH CUB SCOUTS AND BROWNIE GUIDES****HOME SAFETY COMPETITION****BEST SIX ENTRIES IN EACH SECTION**

<u>Cub Scouts under 9 years</u>		Pack
Philip Eaves	115 Monklands	7L
Michael Foster,	2S Abbots Road	1-3L
Andrew Harrison,	9 Dimsdale Place	9L
Matthew Lewis,	49 Wilbury Hills Road	7L
Allan Overton,	12 Highover Road	1-3L
Danny White,	7 Westholm	9L
<u>Brownie Guides under 9 years</u>		
Jean Boldy,	31 Sollershott East	4L
Lynne Ephgrave,	71 Northfields	2L
Deirdre Lamer,	64 Highfield	12L
Carol Parker,	2 Nortonbury Cottages	9L
Indra Rickstins,	13 Norton Road	2L
Karen Watkins,	88 Southfields	3L
<u>Cub Scouts over 9 years</u>		
Clive Broom,	4 Ashdown	8L Thur
Peter England,	87 Spring Road	5L
Stephen Fynes,	69 High Avenue	9L
Colin Gilchrist,	80 West View	9L
Neil McBride,	83 Wilbury Road	7L
Mark Stead,	7 Hawthorn Hill	1-3L
<u>Brownie Guides over 9 years</u>		
Lesley Boast,	18 Burley	2L
Elizabeth Burt,	21 Heathermere	11L
Jennifer Marshall,	50 Highfield	12L
Gillian Michelson,	165 Grange Road	11L
Caroline Parrish,	9 Woodhurst	11L
Peta Spinks,	52 Norton Road	2L

**LEITCHWORTH DISTRICT GUIDES****H A N D B O O K S**

All Guiders now have the handbooks they ordered. If any more are required, please notify Mrs Drylie as soon as possible, so that further supplies can be ordered.

**WINDOW DISPLAY COMPETITION**

The Division round of the window display was won by Royston District, with Letchworth and Stevenage North Districts tying for second place. The judges' comments included: "In our opinion Royston and Letchworth portrayed the modern image most successfully, but we felt Royston had an extra 'something'."

Congratulations to our 1L Rangers for getting us into second place.

**TUESDAY 2 APRIL**

Pied Piper Pageant - Division rehearsal at Barclay School, Stevenage, 5 pm. A coach leaves Letchworth Arena car park at 4.30 and returns you there for 6.45.

**SATURDAY 6 APRIL**

Jumble Sale at the Brotherhood Hall, 5 pm. Help is wanted from half a dozen strong girls at 12.45 to put up tables, and again from all hands from 1.30 onwards to sort out the jumble and then to sell it.

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL: Names should be in for the Camp Training on 27 April.

THURSDAY 25 APRIL: Guiders' Meeting, 7.30 at the Ranger Hut. One Guider only from each unit.

SATURDAY 27 APRIL: Camp Training, Barclay School, Stevenage. Separate notices have been circulated.

SATURDAY 4 MAY: Arts and crafts competition and exhibition. Are all your girls entering something? Get them working for it now!

MONDAY 6 MAY: Letchworth Girl Guides Annual General Meeting.

SATURDAY 25 MAY: Letchworth Hospital Fete. Guides are wanted to help with the refreshments during the afternoon.

MONDAY 27 MAY: Pied. Puer Pageant - Division dress rehearsal: coach arrangements as for 2 April.

TUESDAY 25 JUNE: Brownie Guiders' Training on the new programme, 7.30-9.30 pm (probably at Knights Templar School, Baldock).

**Motor Scooter for sale**

1963 "Capri", uninsured, untaxed, but in good condition. It can be seen at 5 Farm Close, Letchworth (Mr Cleghorn). Proceeds from the sale will go towards CL SCOUT GROUP UNIFORM FUND

**CUB SCOUT FOOTBALL**

The 1968 Competition is now being arranged, and details will be sent to all CSLs as soon as possible. Venue this year: St Mary's School field, Baldock.



# RESULTS

## THE MOD TROPHY OLYMPIC LEAP YEAR PENTATHLON

Place	Group	Points
1.....	1A.....	29
2.....	5L.....	18
3.....	1B.....	13
4....	3B, 1-3L, 4L, 6L:	12
8.....	8L, 9L.....	9
10.....	7L.....	4

## CUB SCOUT FIRST AID COMPETITION

Place	Pack	Points
1 .....	7L.....	66
2.....	4L.....	64½
3.....	9L.....	61
4.....	2L.....	58
5.....	8L Thur.....	56
6.....	1B, 5L.....	55
8.....	1-3L.....	49
9.....	2B.....	40

## JUST-FOR-FUN LEAGUE

With the new bonuses for attendance,  
this shakes the District up a bit.

PLACE	GROUP	POINTS
1.....	5L.....	220
2.....	2L.....	212
3.....	4L.....	80½
4.....	7L, 9L.....	74
6 .....	1B.....	72
7.....	8L.....	69
8.....	1-3L.....	65
9.....	6L.....	48
10.....	2B.....	44
11.....	1A.....	29
12.....	3B.....	12
13.....	1W.....	0

## At the time of going to press...

...the DC has had very few of the questionnaires returned to him from Groups. GSLs please extricate digits and help Fred!

...ADC(S) Ken Hart has had no response to his appeal for HIKE TENTS and Scouts to erect them in the mammoth instant camp display at the Meet on 22 June. If any Troop has any Scouts capable of doing this small thing, will they PLEASE phone Ken Hart THIS WEEK if not sooner!!!

...all Group Census forms were due to be returned to Arthur Wood, District Secretary. Is YOUR Group conscience clear?

## THIS MONTH'S DATES

\* \* \* A P R I L 1 9 6 8

- 2 8L Group annual general meeting, Northfields School, 1900
- 7 District Walk rehearsal, 1000 (see above)
- 18-19 "THE GANG AND THE GIRLS", St Francis' Theatre, 1930
- 20 "THE GANG AND THE GIRLS" St Francis' Theatre, 1500 and 1930
- 21 SAINT GEORGE'S DAY PARADE, Ashwell, 1420 (see page 1)
- 22 1W Group annual general meeting
- 26 1-3L Group annual general meeting, DHQ
- 26 Last items in, please, to DIO for CO-ORDINATOR 108
- 26-28 Jim's Mystery Tour, number 4
- 29 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 108
- 29 5L Group annual general meeting and open night, 1900
- 30 CSLs' Council, DHQ, 2000

## Hike for Scout Funds

SPONSORSHIP FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE from District Information Officer Ken Johnson. Those already collecting sponsors are:

1, Chris Anderson 1B. 2, Ken Hart, 7L. 3, John Ferguson, 9L. 4-9 (allocated to 1W c/o Richard Clements).. 10, Joan Ludford, 1-3L. 11, Marilyn Emmerton, 1-3L. 12, Fred Eaves, DC, 13-24 (allocated to 1-3L c/o Jeff Robson). 25 Judy Collins, 4L, 26, Trevor Hart, 7L, 27 Colin McEwen, NVSU,. 28, Robert Wilsher, 1B. 29, J. Burns, 9L. 30, Paul Byrne, 9L. 31, Richard Evans, 5L. 32, John Lewis, 5L. 33, Roger Chales, 5L. 34, Nigel Rayner, 9L. 35, Andrew Frankland, 6L. 36, Anthony Howes, 6L. 37, Andrew Graves, 6L. 38, Philip Gooderson, 6L. 39, Graham Fraser, 6L. 40-59 (allocated to 3B c/o Graham Mulchinock). 60-65 (allocated to 4L c/o Geoff Whitaker) . 66, Roy Hutchby, 5L. 67, Clive Hutchby, 5L. 68, Ian Smith, 5L. 69, Alan Wilson, 5L. 70--73 (allocated to 1B c/o John Hilditch), 74, Richard Eagling, 5L.

THE ROUTE is 25 miles, almost entirely on 2½ inch map sheet TL 23. Start at any of these mile posts:

0 miles: DHQ.....213328  
2 miles: Norton Road, Baldock: 242338  
3 miles: Chalk Hill foot.....246324  
5 miles: Weston Green End....264310  
7 miles: Westfield Common....289309  
9 miles: Rushden .....302325  
10 miles: Wallington.....297336  
12 miles: Wallington Lodge....279348  
15 miles: Bygrave lane.....272360  
15 miles: Claybush Hill.....268385  
16 miles: Ashwell village hall. 263395  
18 miles: Hinxworth.....236405  
19 miles: Caldecote footpath..235391  
20 miles: Newnham.....242378  
22 miles: Radwell.....231557  
23 miles: Norton.....232346  
24 miles: Westholm.....220337  
thence back by Cowslip Hill to DHQ.

START 10 am SUNDAY 5 MAY.

REHEARSAL (and actual performance for those unable to attend on 5 May): 10 am SUNDAY 7 APRIL.

This walk includes every town and village in our Scout District. Still wanted: MARSHALS with CARS, DESPATCH RIDERS with MOTORBIKES, and a GENERAL SUPERVISOR with a BALL POINT PEN and a READY RECKONER. Volunteers, please!